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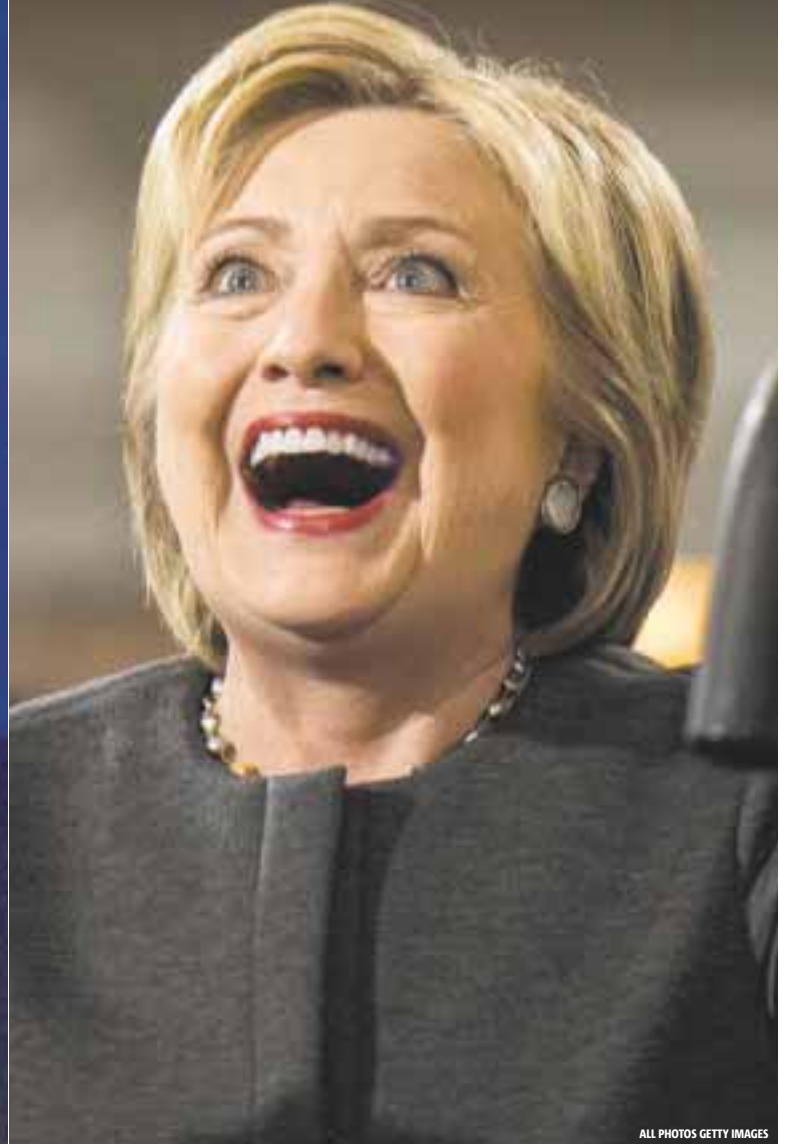


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OHIO SCHOOL SHOOTING SUSPECT DENIES CHARGES IN JUVENILE COURT

The 14-year-old suspect in a shooting at a southwestern Ohio high school that left four students wounded denied the charges against him on Tuesday, according to a juvenile court official. James Austin Hancock appeared in court with a lawyer for an arraignment hearing and entered a "not true" plea, equivalent to a not guilty plea, to two counts of attempted murder, two counts of felonious assault and one count each of inducing panic and making terroristic threats, Butler County Juvenile Justice Center Director Rob Clevenger said. Hancock was ordered to return to a juvenile detention center, where he has been held since Monday, when he was arrested after the incident in Middletown, about 38 miles north of Cincinnati, officials said. A pretrial hearing was set for April 5. **REUTERS**



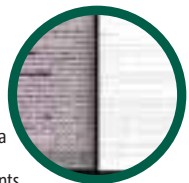
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PENTAGON TO TAP PRIVATE INDUSTRY FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

The U.S. Defense Department plans to hire private contractors to develop a \$600-million-plus computer system for a new background check agency being set up after a security breach last year exposed the personal data of nearly 22 million people, a top official told Reuters. The Pentagon plans to meet companies and request proposals before Sept. 30, the end of fiscal year 2016, after finalizing requirements for a more flexible and adaptive replacement, said Richard Hale, the Pentagon's deputy chief information officer for cybersecurity. **REUTERS**

BIN LADEN DOCUMENTS SHOW A SUSPICIOUS, PRESSURED AL QAEDA

Al Qaeda's leaders were increasingly worried about spies in their midst, drones in the air and secret tracking devices reporting their movements as the U.S.-led war against them ground on, documents seized in the 2011 raid on Osama bin Laden's Pakistani hideout and reviewed by Reuters reveal. The cache of 113 documents, translated and declassified by U.S. intelligence agencies, are mostly dated between 2009 and 2011, intelligence officials said. The documents — the second tranche from the raid to have been declassified since May 2015 — depict an Al Qaeda that was unwavering in its commitment to global jihad, but with its core leadership in Pakistan and Afghanistan under pressure on multiple fronts. **REUTERS**

Ribs of the concourse above PATH tracks at the Oculus transit hub **CREATIVE COMMONS**

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The newly built World Trade Center Transportation Hub, designed to resemble a dove but tasked with the job of a phoenix, opens this week, nearly 15 years after the Sept. 11 attacks left Lower Manhattan in ashes.

Oculus, the birdlike structure that is the hub's focal point, welcomes the public on Thursday, months ahead of the expected opening of connections to 11 New York City subway lines and the underground PATH trains that link New York to New Jersey.

Resembling Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava's vision of a dove released into the air from a child's hands, Oculus has a practical purpose: To rebuild the PATH terminal that was destroyed when the Twin Towers collapsed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

But it also symbolizes the rebirth of lower Manhattan after the devastation of 9/11 and the dark days that followed.



"The station, in its beauty and grandiosity, represents a testimony of faith and hope in the future of New York."

Calatrava

"The station, in its beauty and grandiosity, represents a testimony of faith and hope in the future of New York," Calatrava said in a statement.

With a final price tag of \$4 billion, twice the estimate when it was unveiled in 2004, the

soaring space has been described by some residents as an architectural wonder and by others as an eyesore.

The white steel and marble structure is dramatic to behold, with two metal-ribbed wings springing out from an elliptical shaped transit

hall that is roughly the size of a soccer field.

Its soaring glass roof is meant to bring natural light to the 250,000 commuters expected to travel through the hub each day, even those on the PATH train platform 60 feet below the street.

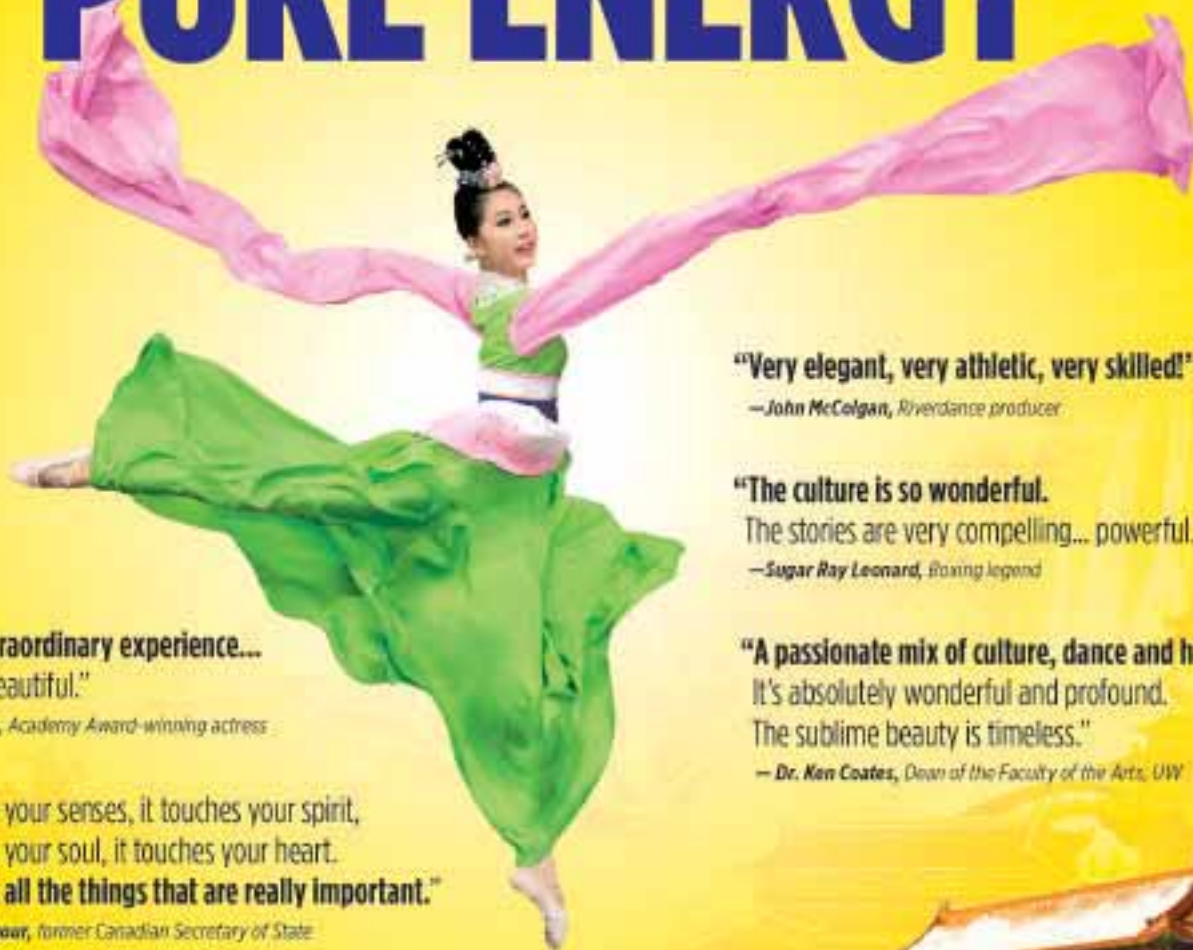
In remembrance of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks, the project features a 330-foot retractable skylight that will be open on temperate days as well as annually on Sept. 11.

Cafés and stores are expected to fill its 75,000 square feet of retail space, and draw many of the estimated 17 million tourists forecast to visit lower Manhattan in 2019.

The project, destined to appear in iconic photos depicting the sights of New York City, has taken years longer than expected to complete, making it one of the most expensive and delayed train stations ever built. **REUTERS**

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Report claims NYPD repeatedly violated civil rights in searches

The report also noted offensive language, discourtesy and excessive force in addition to the wrongful searches.



NYPD officers allegedly executed 180 bad searches and seizures over a period of five years according to the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) watchdog group.

The review board analyzed 1,762 complaints and found "recurring practices" that violated "individuals' civil liberties and privacy" in 180 of those cases, the New York Daily News reported.



NYPD officer and paddy wagon GETTY IMAGES

A report issued by the CCRB said that officers misunderstood legal standards for entering a home, used old warrants or occasionally used investigation cards, so-

called I-Cards, to justify entry though they are not legal warrants, the Guardian reported in a related article.

"Intrusion into people's homes is among the

most serious violations of basic constitutional protections and really a basic human right," CCRB chairman Richard Emery said to the New York Post. "Substantiated com-

plaints of this nature confirm the profound harm to people and families in their homes ... and, as a consequence, seriously erode public trust and confidence in the police."

Nearly half of the complaints stemmed from incidents in Brooklyn, the Guardian stated, adding that the CCRB also noted offensive language, discourtesy and excessive force in addition to the wrongful searches.

The CCRB listed recommendations the NYPD could consider for


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improvement, including a renewed enforcement of its consent form policy, I-Card clarification and more stringent discipline for officers with sub-

stantiated home invasion complaints, according to the Daily News.

The report also focused on expanding a body camera program to include home searches, the Guardian stated, adding that officials said they are reviewing the report and have imposed discipline in 64 percent of the cases they have reviewed.



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Teen theft suspects wanted



Some of the suspects were caught on surveillance camera running out of the subway stations. **NYPD**

Police have released video and photos of suspects wanted for stealing smartphones from subway riders on two separate trains just hours apart.

The first incident on Feb. 21 occurred at 7:30 p.m. when a 28-year-old female subway rider was sitting on the northbound S train, authorities said. As the train arrived at the Park Place subway station, a group of four to five male suspects allegedly snatched her Samsung Galaxy 5S out

of her hand and fled.

About two hours later at 9:36 p.m. as a southbound 3 train arrived at the Nostrand Avenue subway station, the group snatched an iPhone 6S out of the hand of a 20-year-old woman who was sitting on train, according to police.

The suspects are described as black males, between 14 to 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 6 inches tall, and 130 to 140 pounds.

Surveillance videos show two of the individu-

als outside the stations and photos show two more individuals after the first incident.

Anyone with information in regards to these incidents is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then enter TIP577. **ANGY ALTAMIRANO**

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Watch out men, women are taking over the Big Apple.

In honor of the start of Women's History Month, a new study by the nonprofit Center for an Urban Future was released Tuesday showing that over the past five years women-owned businesses have grown four times as fast as male-owned businesses in New York City.

According to the study — called "Breaking Through: The Economic Impact of Women Entrepreneurs" — with a total of 413,899 women-owned firms, New York had more women-owned businesses than any other American city.

"Women entrepreneurs have become a major force in New York City's economy, but we have only begun to harness their tremendous economic potential," said Jonathan Bowles, executive director of the Center for an Urban Future.

Based on the study — which was funded by Cap-

Not all states are created equal

A recent WalletHub study compared all 50 states and the District of Columbia using 15 key metrics, including the median earnings for female workers, rate of unemployed women, percentage of women living in poverty, share of women-owned businesses and the female homicide rate.

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ital One's Future Edge initiative — women-owned businesses make up more than 40 percent of private companies in the city — compared to 33 percent five years ago and 32 percent 10 years ago.

Over just the last five years, the number of women-owned firms in almost every major industry sector increased by at least 20 percent, according to the study. Businesses owned by women make up 72 percent of all businesses in the health care and social assistance sector and 62 percent of the educational services sector.

The report also stated that male-owned businesses increased by 8 percent

during the same period compared to a 36 percent increased by women-owned businesses.

The borough of Brooklyn has more women-owned businesses than all but three other cities — New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago — with a total of 118,489, and the Bronx had the fastest growth in the number of such businesses with a 53 percent increased in over the past five years.

And although the re-



According to a new study, New York is a great place to start a business as a woman. GETTY IMAGES

port discovered that women entrepreneurs have increased tremendously and have had a large impact on New York City's

start or grow a business.

For example, the study found that women have less money to invest than men and in fiscal year 2014 women business owners received just 20 percent of all SBA loans and 12 percent of the dollars lent.

According to the study, many women — especially low-income and immigrant individuals — lack basic business and financial skills and others work harder to be taken

seriously and fight perceptions that their male counterparts are more capable and committed.

Based on the data, 9 percent of the city's women-owned businesses have paid employees and the average of those businesses have sales of \$128,268 — lower than women-owned firms in Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, Boston, Seattle and Los Angeles.

The report added that if one-quarter of the existing 376,405 women-owned businesses with no paid employees added just one employee in the next three years, there would be more than 94,000 new jobs in the city.

"Women are making significant strides as business leaders and entrepreneurs, yet many continue to face common challenges related to managing and securing financing."

Keri Gohman,
head of small business banking at Capital One

economy, there is still some struggles women face when attempting to

Video released of masked Queens shooter



Surveillance video shows the suspect during the shooting. NYPD

Police are looking for a red mask-wearing suspect who left two people injured after a shooting at a Queens restaurant last month.

On Feb. 20 at 12:25 a.m. the suspect — described as a Hispanic man — entered the Rico Chimi restaurant at 80-01 Atlantic Ave., took out a gun and shot at a 40-year-old man who

was inside, according to authorities. The man was shot in his leg and hip and taken to Jamaica Hospital in stable condition.

During the shooting, a 32-year-old woman was also injured receiving gunshot wounds to her buttocks and legs, police said.

She was also transported to Jamaica

Hospital where she was treated and released.

The suspect is described as about 5 feet 7 inches tall, 170 pounds and with a light complexion. He was last seen wearing a red mask, a black hooded jacket, black pants and black shoes.

Authorities have released surveillance video from inside the

restaurant during the shooting and of the suspect's vehicle.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

The video can be seen at Metro.us.

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The suspects are one woman and three men. **NYPD**

Woman stabbed, robbed in Chelsea

Police are looking for one woman and three men wanted in connection to the stabbing and robbing of a 30-year-old woman in Manhattan over the weekend.

On Feb. 27 at about 2:50 a.m. the victim told authorities that she got into a verbal confrontation with the suspects in front of 110 7th Ave., according to cops.

During this time, one of the individuals allegedly stabbed the victim in the thigh causing a laceration and then

forcibly took \$50, police said. The group then fled in an unknown direction.

The woman was taken to Bellevue Hospital where she was treated and released.

Police described the female suspect as a black woman last seen wearing a black hat, gray hooded sweater, gray jogging pants and a black jacket.

All three male suspects are described as black men. The first man was last seen

wearing a black hat, gray hooded sweater, gray jogging pants and black jacket. The second was seen wearing a black hat, black jacket, black jeans and black sneakers. The final man had a goatee and was last seen wearing a black hat, black jacket and black jeans. Police have released surveillance photos taken of the suspects before the incident inside Karavas Pizzeria located at 72 Christopher St.

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Con Ed warns customers to beware of imposters

A Con Ed sign **GETTY IMAGES**

Two men posing as utility workers sexually assaulted a woman inside her home Monday night.

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Following a Bronx home invasion where a victim was sexually assaulted by men who posed as Con Edison workers, New Yorkers are being warned to beware of other such imposters.

As of Monday afternoon, police were still searching for a duo that pretended to be utility workers and pushed their way into a woman's apartment in the Bronx, according to CBS New York.

The men then tied the 26-year-old victim up and one of the suspects sexually assaulted her.

The men ransacked the apartment and fled with \$50, CBS reported. The woman's young child was reportedly in the home during the time of the incident.

According to the New York Daily News, author-

ities are investigating whether this home invasion is connected to a robbery in the same area that occurred two weeks earlier.

During the earlier incident, a woman stabbed the attacker — who also claimed to be a Con Edison worker — with a kitchen knife and the man fled the scene, the Daily News reported.

Con Edison has since sent out a safety warning to customers warning them to beware of imposters who are claiming to be from the company and are looking to enter either a home or business.

The company added that real Con Edison employees carry identification cards with their photo, name and the company's name and logo.

Con Edison recommended anyone who suspects an individual to be falsely claiming they're an employee for the utility company to call the police.

Last month, the company also sent out a warning to customers in regards to scam callers who threatened service turnoff unless a custom-

Want to verify?

Even if customers see the identification and they still feel like they have doubts about the individual's legitimacy, they are advised to call 1-800-75CONED (1800-752-6633) before letting them in.

er purchased a pre-paid card or arranged a transfer via MoneyGram to pay a bill.

It added that it has seen a recent spike in reports from customers who said they were contacted by scammers, who in some cases even made a Con Edison phone number show up on caller ID.

"Con Edison believes the scammers are calling customers randomly, not targeting just those who owe back payments. The company has received complaints from residential and business customers," the company said in a statement.

Con Edison said it does not accept payments for electric or gas bills by pre-paid debit cards or through transfers such as MoneyGram.

BRIEFS

Staten Island man charged with murder for allegedly stabbing victim 22 times during argument

A 41-year-old man is being charged for the fatal stabbing of another man during a fight at a Staten Island industrial yard in January, according to authorities.

Richard Gambale was indicted on Monday on charges of second-degree murder and tampering with physical evidence.

According to prosecutors, at about 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 14, Gambale had gotten into an argument with 43-year-old Anthony Perretti over finances in an industrial yard near Arthur Kill Road in Rossville.

During the dispute, Perretti struck Gambale with a metal fence post one time in the shoulder area, authorities said. Gambale then allegedly stabbed Perretti 22 times throughout his upper body.

Prosecutors say Gambale fled the site and left behind Perretti, who was later pronounced dead at Staten Island University Hospital-South.

Members of the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force caught the 41-year-old four days later in Manhattan, according to authorities.

Along with the fatal stabbing, Gambale is also being

charged with discarding the knife used in the incident and the bloody jacket he wore that afternoon.

"The defendant in this case savagely stabbed his victim almost two dozen times," said Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. "There is no justification for that level of violence and my prosecutors intend to argue that this was an intentional murder, and not self-defense."

Gambale is expected to be arraigned Wednesday.

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Man allegedly gropes 8-year-old boy, is quickly arrested by NYPD

Police officers were congratulated for their swift action and arrest of a man who allegedly sexually assaulted an 8-year-old boy on the subway, NBC New York reported.

The incident reportedly oc-

curred on Monday night at the 69th Street stop in Queens.

The victim was riding a Manhattan-bound 7 train with his mom when a man sitting next to him grabbed his buttocks near the 74th St./Broadway station in Jackson Heights about 7:45 p.m., sources said. The boy alerted his mom, who told the train conductor, The New York Daily News reported.

The suspect, 41-year-old Johnny Flores, was charged with sex abuse, forcible touching and acting in a manner injurious to a child.

The officers who responded to the crime were given a public congratulation by Chief Joseph Fox, who shared a photo of the cops on Twitter and tweeted: "Quick work by the [District 20] team—arrested man for sexual abuse of 8 year old boy on the 7 train in Queens last night!"

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Trump and Clinton rack up big wins on Super Tuesday

Super Tuesday is the biggest single day of state-by-state contests to select party nominees for the Nov. 8 election to succeed President Barack Obama. Voting stretches from eastern states to Texas and Minnesota.

Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton rolled up a series of big primary wins on Tuesday, as the two presidential front-runners looked to take command of their party nominating battles on the campaign's biggest night of voting.

But Republican Ted Cruz, a U.S. senator from Texas, won his home state and neighboring Oklahoma, bolstering his argument he had the best chance to stop the controversial Trump.

Opinion polls heading into the voting had shown Trump leading in most of the 12 states up for grabs, raising the possibility of a big night that would intensify worries among Republican leaders who fear the billionaire could inflict long-term damage



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks on Super Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

"I will win the Florida primary in two weeks against Rubio, the state's 'little senator' and a 'lightweight.'"

Trump

on the party.

Clinton, the former secretary of state, hoped to win enough states to take a big step toward wrapping up her nomination fight with rival Bernie Sanders, a democratic socialist U.S. senator from Vermont.

"The stakes in this election have never been high-

er and the rhetoric we're hearing on the other side has never been lower," Clinton, 68, told supporters in Miami. "Trying to divide America between us and them is wrong, and we're not going to let it work."

Sanders won his home state of Vermont and Oklahoma, two of five states he



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton gives a speech during Super Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

"The stakes in this election have never been higher and the rhetoric we're hearing on the other side has never been lower."

Clinton

was targeting for victory on Tuesday. He thanked cheering supporters in his hometown of Burlington, Vermont, and assailed the Republican front-runner.

"We are not going to let the Donald Trumps of the world divide us," said Sanders, 74, adding that he expected to pile up "hundreds" of conven-

tion delegates in voting on Tuesday.

Trump, 69, has worried many in the Republican establishment with proposals such as building a wall along the U.S. southern border with Mexico, deporting 11 million illegal immigrants and slapping a temporary ban on Muslims entering the

country.

But while his campaign has confounded many Republican leaders, the New York real estate developer cites his high poll numbers as proof he is not dividing the party but expanding its ranks. He preached unity as he looked beyond the day's voting to campaign in Ohio, which votes on March 15.

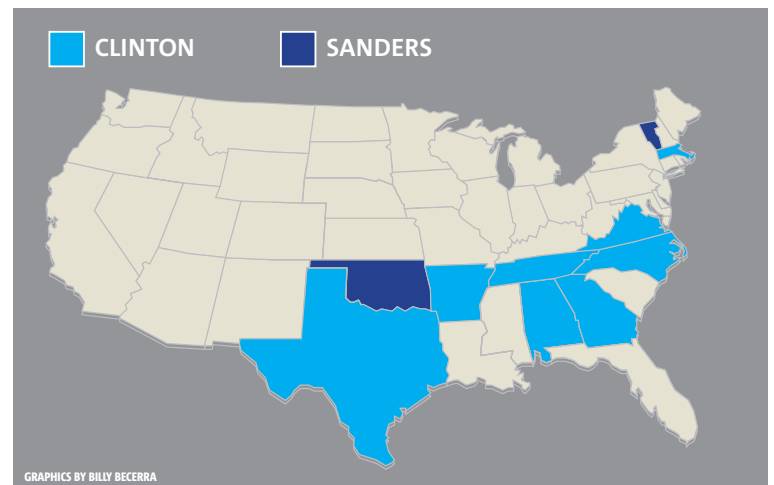
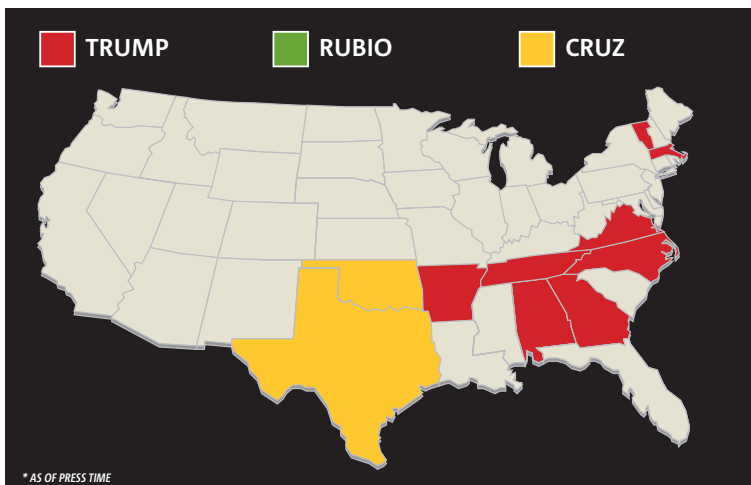
With a string of victories on Tuesday, Trump would expand his strong lead over Cruz, Rubio, Ohio Governor John Kasich and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson.

Voting with his wife in Houston, Cruz, 45, said he hoped Republicans would see a narrower field emerge on Wednesday.

Even as Trump advances, many Republican Party leaders do not support him and worry that he would be easily defeated in November if Clinton became the Democratic nominee.

The crossfire between Trump and establishment Republicans threatened to rip the party apart at a time when it will need to generate momentum behind a prospective nominee. That worries some Republican strategists looking ahead to the nominating convention in July.

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BRIEF

Ivy League mulls banning tackles at football practices

Football practices at the United States' elite Ivy League universities may be a little bit quieter next year as coaches consider banning tackling outside of actual games, a spokesman for the league said on Tuesday.

Top football coaches at elite universities including Harvard, Yale and Princeton, are mulling the move as concerns grow that head injuries can take a severe

toll on players' mental acuity as they age.

"This is something that has only been discussed and is not approved in any way," said Scottie Rodgers, a spokesman for the eight-school conference, which also includes Columbia, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania.

He noted that rule changes in the league are formally put forward by school athletics directors at annual meetings that take

place in May and submitted for final approval in June.

The league's coaches agreed to the move in a vote last week, The New York Times reported earlier on Tuesday.

Research has increasingly linked the head injuries that are commonly experienced in football, hockey and other contact sports with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a condition that causes lesions on the brain and can lead to aggression and

dementia later in life.

There are currently no tests to diagnose CTE in a living patient, but Boston University researchers have found evidence of the condition in the brains of 90 of 94 former National Football League players it has studied since 2008.

Some 5,000 former players have sued the NFL, claiming it hid the dangers of repeated head trauma, and agreed to a settlement that could cost the league \$1 billion. **REUTERS**



Cosby GETTY IMAGES

Pa. appeals court puts hold on Cosby trial

Cosby, 78, faces charges of sexually assaulting a woman more than a decade ago.

to quash the appeal.

Cosby's attorneys had asked the judge to toss the charges, contending that a deal reached with former Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor spared their client from prosecution in exchange for a 2005 civil deposition.

In the deposition, Cosby admitted giving what he said was an anti-allergy drug to his alleged victim, Andrea Constand, before a sexual encounter that he described as consensual.

Constand, now 44, has said Cosby plied her with alcohol and drugs before raping her.

More than 50 women have accused Cosby, whose long career was based on family-friendly comedy, of sexually assaulting them in attacks dating back to the 1960s. Many of the incidents are too old to prosecute.

The Pennsylvania case is the only incident for which Cosby has been criminally charged.

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Obama asks Republican leaders to offer top court nominees



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President Barack Obama asked Republican congressional leaders for suggestions on a Supreme Court nominee during a meeting on Tuesday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Obama met with Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, both Republicans, in the Oval Office to discuss a replacement for the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

"The president ... gave everyone in the room, Democrats and Republicans, the opportunity to put forward their own suggestions for potential Supreme Court nominees," Earnest

said at a news briefing. "The president didn't guarantee that he would choose that person, but the president did indicate that he would take seriously any recommendations that either Democrats or Republicans had to put forward."

Earnest declined to say whether any Republican congressional leaders, who have said the top court seat should remain vacant until Obama's successor takes office next year, offered any names. Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid and Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the top Democrat on the judiciary panel, also attended the meeting. REUTERS

BRIEF

Rolling Stones announce historic free concert in Havana

The Rolling Stones will perform a free outdoor concert in Havana on March 25, the band announced on Tuesday, a milestone event in a country where the communist government once banned the group's music as an "ideological deviation."

The band added the Concert for Amity show — likely to be the biggest rock concert ever staged in Cuba — to a Latin American tour that had been due to end on March 17 in Mexico City.

The performance will come

three days after President Barack Obama is due to conclude a visit to Cuba, the first by an American president since 1928. Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced in December 2014 they would seek to normalize relations after more than half a century of Cold War animosity.

The concert, which will be filmed, is set to take place on fields surrounding Havana's Ciudad Deportiva, a 26-hectare (64-acre) sports complex. It will mark the first open-air concert in Cuba by a British rock band, the group said. REUTERS

BRIEF

Pennsylvania grand jury finds widespread sex abuse by priests

Hundreds of children in western Pennsylvania were sexually assaulted by about 50 Roman Catholic priests over four decades while bishops covered up their actions, according to a state grand jury report released on Tuesday.

The report found that former Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Bishop James Hogan,

who died in 2005, and his successor, Joseph Adamec, who retired in 2011, worked to cover pedophile priests' tracks and that some local law enforcement agencies also avoided investigating abuse allegations, said state Attorney General Kathleen Kane.

"The heinous crimes these children endured are absolutely unconscionable," Kane told reporters in unveiling the report, based on a two-year

investigation. "These predators desecrated a sacred trust and preyed upon their victims in the very places where they should have felt most safe."

Revelations that some priests had habitually sexually abused children and that bishops had systematically covered up those crimes burst onto the world stage in 2002 when the Boston Globe reported widespread abuse in the Boston Archdiocese.

That report, which won a Pulitzer Prize and was the subject of last year's Academy Award-winning film "Spotlight," set off a global wave of investigations that found similar patterns at dioceses around the world. They led to hefty lawsuits and seriously undermined the church's moral authority.

No criminal charges will be filed because the alleged incidents are too old to be prosecuted, Kane said. REUTERS

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UN to restart Syria peace talks March 9



A Syrian rebel fighter from the Failaq al-Rahman brigade takes a rest inside a building on the frontline against regime forces in the village of Bala, on the outskirts of the capital Damascus. GETTY IMAGES

The United Nations will delay the next round of Syria peace talks by two days to allow the cessation of hostilities in force since Saturday to take hold, U.N. Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura said.

International observers have acknowledged violations of the agreement intended to halt nearly five years of fighting while reporting that the level of violence has decreased considerably.

"We are delaying it to the afternoon of [March] 9 for logistical and technical reasons and also for the ceasefire to better settle down," de Mistura told Reuters on Tuesday. The talks had been penciled in for March 7.

The cessation of hostilities was "a glimmer of hope," Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said, although he accused the opposition of violating the agreement.

The opposition in turn says the Syrian government has breached the fragile truce by repeatedly attacking its positions, which the government denies.

"We will play our part to make the whole thing work," Assad told Germany's ARD television network, adding that the Syrian army had not reacted to truce violations in order to give the agreement a chance.

"The terrorists have breached the deal from the first day. We, as the Syrian army, are refraining from responding in order to give a chance to sustain the agreement."

But in the end, there are limits and it all depends on the other side," Assad said.

The cessation of hostilities agreement, drawn up by the United States and Russia, is seen by the United Nations as an opportunity to revive peace talks which collapsed before they had even started a month ago in Geneva.

It also hopes the truce will allow humanitarian aid to be sent into besieged areas where many Syrians are living in dire conditions.

However, the opposition said it had yet to be officially informed of a new round of talks on March 9, insisting that no serious discussions can begin before detainees are freed and blockades are lifted.

REUTERS

BRIEF

Europe on cusp of new humanitarian crisis at Greece-Macedonia border

The build-up of thousands of migrants and refugees on Greece's northern borders is fast turning into a humanitarian disaster, the United Nations said on Tuesday as the European Union prepared to offer more financial aid.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said clashes at Greece's border with Macedonia on Monday – when migrants battered down a gate and were tear-gassed – simply

underlined the urgency with which the EU needed to act on the crisis.

But Austria – which last month limited the number of migrants it lets through to 3,200 a day – stuck to its position that it did not want to become an overcrowded waiting room for thousands wanting to make it further north.

Croatia, which is also on what is now the well-trodden migrants' route northwards from Greece, said it might deploy its armed forces to help police control flows.

But near Idomeni, on the Greek-Macedonia border itself, a tent city mushroomed, prompting some despair among those trapped there. "Macedonian police put us here, the Greeks don't want us back," Yase Qued, a 16-year-old from Afghanistan, told Reuters.

The United Nations' high commissioner for refugees called for better planning and accommodation for at least 24,000 it said were stuck in Greece, including 8,500 at Idomeni.

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Michael Chernow ('08 grad), founder of The Meatball Shop and Seamore's in NYC

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Now or never: Trump's 'wall' talk sparks migrant rush across US-Mexico border

Trump has built a strong lead in the race for the Republican nomination in part by taking a tough stance on immigration.

Gang violence and poverty have for years pushed Mexicans and Central Americans north to the United States, but recently a new driver has emerged: the anti-immigrant tone of leading Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

From the slums of Central America to close-knit migrant communities in U.S. cities, Trump's rise to the front of the Republican pack has not gone unnoticed and is partly behind a spike in the numbers of migrants trying to enter the country, including children traveling without guardians.



Lugging jugs of water, Mexican migrants thread their way along footpaths leading to the U.S. border. GETTY IMAGES

Interviews with migrants, people smugglers and officials show many migrants are trying to cross now instead of facing tighter policing and new policies to halt illegal immigration if Trump or another Republican wins the Nov. 8 election.

"If Trump wins, we're all screwed and all Latinos are screwed," Isaias Franco, a 46-year-old from El

Salvador who was deported from the United States late last year and is now trying to get back, said at a migrant shelter in Ciudad Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection data shows 150,304 migrants were detained trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between October and February, up 24 percent from

the same period last year.

Similar data for "unaccompanied" child migrants — those traveling without a guardian — is not yet available, but between October and January, 20,455 kids were apprehended on the southwest border, up over 100 percent from a year ago.

The numbers of migrants typically rise as

summer approaches.

Like other migrants, Franco is aware of the U.S. presidential race and Trump's vow, matched by fellow Republican candidate Ted Cruz, to deport all the illegal immigrants in the United States, estimated at more than 11 million.

"You watch the news ... There's a lot of fear among Latinos," Franco said, add-

"They think they need to take advantage while they can." Rivera

ing that a Republican victory would spell the end for proposed reforms to give many immigrants greater legal security.

Hope Hicks, a spokeswoman for Trump, said migrants understand his policies. "It seems they agree Mr. Trump will be tough, build the wall and stop illegal immigration."

Blanca Rivera, who manages the Ciudad Juarez migrant shelter, said she had noticed a recent surge in the numbers of migrants and also blamed the inflammatory rhetoric. REUTERS

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We should aim to save at least three to six months' worth of living expenses, experts say. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

It's the No. 1 financial goal of millennial women.

In the Greek myth of Sisyphus, he was condemned for eternity to roll a boulder up a hill, just to see it roll right back down.

For those of us trying to build up emergency funds of short-term savings, it can feel like a similar exercise. As soon as you manage to put some cash aside, you have to draw it down for sudden expenses — and then start all over again.

Natalie Smigielski knows the feeling all too well. About a year and a half ago, the 33-year-old from Toronto had scrimped and saved enough to come up with a \$5,000 emergency fund.

But then Smigielski was hit with unexpected bills for car repairs, around \$2,500. Then she spent a little more on Christmas gifts for friends

and relatives. She quickly found her fund was down to a few hundred bucks.

"I had all of this money, and all of a sudden it was almost gone," says Smigielski, a government employee. "I was like, 'Wow.' It made me feel so insecure. What if another emergency happened on top of that?"

It is a common worry. Building an emergency fund was identified as the No. 1 financial goal of millennial women, according to an exclusive analysis provided to Reuters by Boston-based money managers Fidelity Investments.

It also scored among the top three goals of millennial men, and both genders of Generation X, along with retirement saving and making the right investment choices.

"Since half of Americans say they would have trouble even coming up with \$1,000 in an emergency, this was great news to hear," says

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1. Put a firewall around it

If you keep your emergency fund in your regular checking or savings account, it might be too tempting to use. Create a separate account linked to your other accounts, so you can transfer funds as needed.

2. Set it on auto

Treat your emergency fund as a monthly bill and automate deductions from your account. That may require giving yourself a painful initial "pay cut," says Ellen Siegel, a Miami financial planner.

But much like 401(k) savings, if you do not sock the cash



away before you even see it, then your emergency fund will likely be dead in the water.

3. Strictly define emergencies

Do not give yourself any wiggle room, urges Fidelity's Murphy.

An unforeseen medical bill, a broken-down car or a sputtering furnace is a legitimate emergency; a sale at your favorite store or the latest smartphone upgrade is not.

4. Restock with found money

If you are forced to draw down your reserves, use gifts, raises or windfalls to refill the coffers. Now is actually an ideal time of year to do that because of tax refunds, says Denver adviser Kristi Sullivan. The average IRS refund last year was over \$2,800, an excellent steppingstone to a fully-stocked emergency fund.

Meghan Murphy, director of thought leadership for Fidelity, which polled more than 7,000 401(k)-eligible workers.

The best amount to save, according to most planners: At least three

to six months' worth of living expenses, which should be sufficient to weather rough financial moments.

And if you spend it? Planners say that is what it is there for.

"Emergencies will absolutely come along, because that's how life is," says Murphy. "But once you spend it, as soon as you can, start thinking about replenishing it."

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Can Baby Boomers Avoid Knee Surgery With Modern Arthritis Treatments?

Doctors say these two factors are the keys to knee arthritis treatment success and relieving pain without surgery

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment of cancer," noted the clinic director at the OsteoRelief Institute in New York City. *"The same holds true for treating knee arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at OsteoRelief Institute because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to avoiding knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatments as soon as possible."*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions and knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatments is viscosupplementation. In this treatment, a preparation of Hyaluronic acid (such as Hyalgan) is injected directly into the knee joint.

Hyaluronic acid is a natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your car low or without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

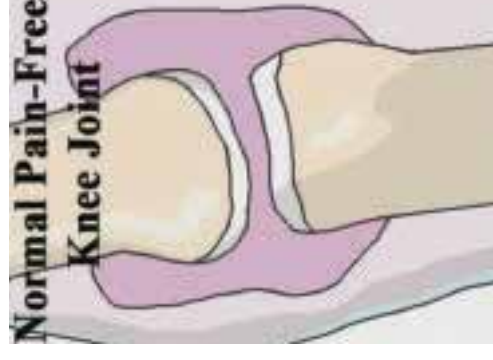
The director, believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space. That's why the doctors at OsteoRelief Institute use advanced imaging technology called a "C-Arm."

A C-Arm allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the injection go where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing injections without digital imaging can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without advanced imaging and did not get good results - this may be why.

"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are to not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure advanced digital imaging (C-Arm) is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."



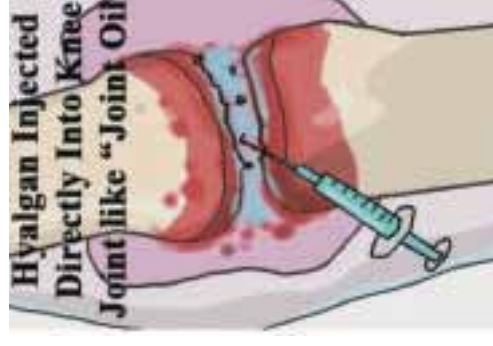
Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.



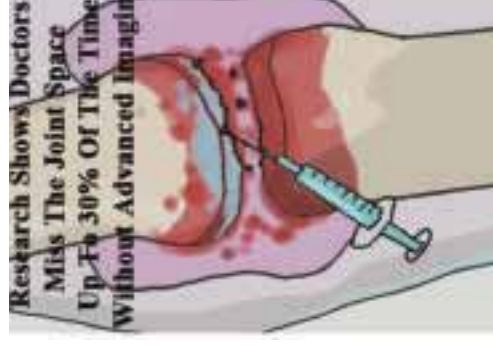
Everyone Wants Proof: In the artist simulated drawings above, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



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Knee pain sufferers have limited time to claim knee pain screening to see if all-natural knee arthritis treatment might work for them

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can only get this from a doctor and it often helps knee pain sufferers who got limited or no success from glucosamine and chondroitin. Beware of unsubstantiated claims made by supplements to do what this advanced medical procedure does.

Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

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OsteoRelief Institute is a state of the art medical facility offering only the best technology.

"Every case is individual. Some patients get quite a bit of relief right away - others take a little more time. But most have been extremely happy. We've noted results lasting no less than 6 months for many but up to 2 years for some patients.. Patients who were suffering for years with bad knee pain are getting their lives back... going for walks again and exercising. It's amazing to see. They tell all their friends - that's why we are swarmed. I can't tell you how many patients have cancelled their total knee replacement surgeries." added the director.

How To Get I

If you have knee pain, the director would like to invite you for a no obligation screening to see if you are a candidate for Hyalgan treatments.



Advanced Medical Technology Can Make All The Difference: This advanced digital imaging called a C-arm allows doctors to see directly into the knee joint so treatments are precise and the Hyalgan actually goes where it is supposed to. Studies show that injections done without digital imaging can miss the joint up to 30% of the time. This is one reason Hyalgan or other Viscosupplementation may not have worked for you. OsteoRelief Institute uses this C-arm for every Hyalgan treatment.

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Astoria, New York, — February 8, 2016: USA Vein Clinics, the only coast-to-coast vein clinic system in the United States, has announced its plans to open a new office in Astoria. This brings to 32, the number of offices that the award winning USA Vein Clinic has across the country. The new office is located at 30-33 Steinway, in Astoria. USA Vein Clinics (USAVC) has been voted "Best Vein Clinic" numerous times because of the advanced medical treatments it offers and its documented 100% customer satisfaction rating from patients with varicose veins and other venous insufficiency conditions. The ability to detect and treat potentially life-threatening venous insufficiency conditions is one of the reasons why USAVC is the only clinic with office locations spanning the nation.

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Thirty million Americans suffer with varicose veins. Fifty percent of all people over the age of 50 have varicose veins and 300,000 people a year die due to complications of vein disease. Varicose veins are painful and can cause other health issues such as ulcers and blood clots. Age, family history, obesity and occupations that require standing on the feet all day are risk factors for varicose veins.

The Rack Shack is all about sexy comfort

How the new Bushwick shop caters to "real bodies."



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Even in New York City, it's not easy finding the right bra whether you're big-busted or even smaller cupped. But Laura Henny didn't expect just how difficult it would be when she moved here from her native Netherlands four years ago.

"I tried to find a bra in my size, which is a 34GG, and it was practically impossible," she says. When she did find something that fit, it fell into the same utility-over-style trap as other clothing made for larger bodies.

So, she decided to do something about it. Henny is the owner of The Rack Shack, 155 Central

Ave., which just opened in Bushwick, selling lingerie for all shapes and sizes — alongside a selection of cute and funky sneakers — including ones that light up! (Don't pretend you haven't missed them.)

The combination came about from Henny's days as a restaurant manager. Being on her feet all day demanded sensible, yet still fashionable shoes, and the hassle of an ill-fitting bra was neither comfortable nor professional. Henny realized the importance of clothing that supports her body, and The Rack Shack showcases this link between sneakers and lingerie. "Lingerie and sneakers have things in common," says Henny. "They are both comfortable if they fit right, and they can complete an outfit."

Plus, looking good means feeling good, and Henny sees lingerie as a particularly empowering

"Lingerie and sneakers have things in common. They are both comfortable if they fit right, and they can complete an outfit."

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The Rack Shack avoids the "old lady store" vibe that can come with lingerie shops. PROVIDED

you're conscious of it all the time," she says.

It was also important to Henny that women not feel like they couldn't wear the newest and cutest trends simply because their size fell outside of the mainstream. "A year and a half ago, I came up with the idea for lingerie and sneakers because I wanted to avoid the

whole 'old lady store,'" says Henny. "I wanted a fun store where fashion comes together."

When choosing The Rack Shack's selection, Henny sought out merchandise for body types that can be difficult to shop for in nonspecialty stores. But it still had to have the aesthetic of her borough, which she

hopes to reflect in a look book or calendar in the future.

"I would love to use real women, so not models," says Henny. "Women from the neighborhood that have the brand, women with busy lives — that's the bartenders, the artists, the nurses. From skinny to thick, real bodies."

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BARBARA HANDSCHU, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

7:13-cv-02093 (CSH)

-against-
SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION, et al.,
Defendants.

BACKGROUND

In 1979, the Court certified a class in this civil rights action ("The Plaintiff Class") defined as follows:

"All individuals resident in the City of New York, and all other persons who are physically present in the City of New York, and all organizations located or operating in the City of New York, who engage in or have engaged in lawful political, religious, educational, or social activities and who, as a result of these activities have, been, are now or hereafter may be subjected to or threatened by infiltration, physical and verbal coercion, photographic, electronic and physical surveillance, provocation of violence, recruitment to act as police informers and dossier collection and dissemination by defendants and their agents."

In 1985, the Court approved a settlement of the action and entered a consent decree incorporating Guidelines governing the investigation of political activity by the New York City Police Department ("The Handschu Guidelines").

In 2003, the Court approved the motion of the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") for modifications to the Handschu Guidelines, and subsequently incorporated the modified guidelines governing investigation of political activity by the NYPD in the Consent Decree ("The Modified Handschu Guidelines").

In 2007, the Court ruled that counsel for the Plaintiff Class ("Class Counsel") are entitled to seek judicial relief when they can demonstrate that the NYPD systematically and repeatedly violated the Modified Handschu Guidelines to a degree sufficient to show an NYPD policy to act in such a fashion or when the NYPD adopts a policy that violates the Modified Handschu Guidelines.

On April 2, 2013, Class Counsel brought a Motion for Injunctive Relief and Appointment of a Monitor, alleging that the NYPD had a policy or practice that violated the Modified Handschu Guidelines in that the NYPD conducts investigations of individuals and organizations associated with the Muslim religion solely on the basis of religion, and without a factual predicate (the "Handschu Motion").

Defendants have denied the allegations in the Handschu Motion and have denied any and all liability arising out of the Handschu Motion.

Beginning in August 2014, the Parties in this action and the parties in *Raza, et al. v. City of NY, et al.*, 1:13-cv-3448 (PNC) (J08), an action filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, entered into a Joint Settlement Process under a strict confidentiality agreement.

The Joint Settlement Process has resulted in further modifications to the Modified Handschu Guidelines, which, if approved by the Court, will settle the claims in the Handschu Motion in the manner and upon the terms summarized and described below.

SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT TERMS, INCLUDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MODIFIED HANDSCHU GUIDELINES

The full text of the proposed Modified Handschu Guidelines, showing the changes that are proposed, can be viewed at <http://www.nycju.org/HandschuSettlement>.

- Under the Amended Modified Handschu Guidelines, there will be an explicit commitment against investigations in which race, religion or ethnicity is a substantial or motivating factor.
- The Amended Modified Handschu Guidelines will require that the choice of investigative techniques should take account of the potential effect of the investigation on the political or religious activity of individuals, groups or organizations and the potential effect on persons who, although not a target of the investigation, are affected by or subject to the particular investigative technique.
- The Amended Modified Handschu Guidelines will require that undercover police officers and confidential informants may be used when taking into account all of the circumstances of the investigation, including the need for the information and the seriousness of the threat. It has been determined that the information sought could not be reasonably obtained in a timely and effective way by a less intrusive means.
- Under the Amended Modified Handschu Guidelines, there will be presumptive time limits on investigations — before there were none. In addition, each investigation will be reviewed every six months.
- The Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence will continue to make the final decision whether or not an investigation should be opened, continued, or closed, but the Amended Modified Handschu Guidelines will provide for the establishment of a Handschu Committee, thereby institutionalizing and formalizing an existing collaborative decision-making process involving many NYPD participants with regard to opening, continuing and closing investigations.
- The Amended Modified Handschu Guidelines will add to the Handschu Committee a civilian representative, unaffiliated with the Police Department, as a full participant in the collaborative process with regard to the initiation, continuation and closing of investigations.²
- The civilian representative of the Handschu Committee will be endowed with the power and obligation to monitor compliance with the opening or extension of investigations under the Modified Handschu Guidelines. If the rules are being violated, the civilian representative will be required to record his or her objection in the minutes of the Handschu Committee. The civilian representative will be required to contact the Police Commissioner and to secure from the Commissioner a review of the opening or extension of an investigation for compliance with the Modified Handschu Guidelines. In addition, in the event that the civilian representative concludes that the NYPD is violating the Modified Handschu Guidelines as a matter of policy, he or she will be required to notify the Handschu Court of the violation policy and, with notice to class counsel, to seek judicial intervention.
- In addition to these changes to the Modified Handschu Guidelines, the NYPD will remove from its website the report entitled *Radicalization in the West*.
- If the settlement is approved by the Court, the City of New York has agreed to pay Plaintiff Class Counsel the sum of \$303,730.26 in full satisfaction of all claims for costs, expenses and attorneys' fees in connection with the Handschu Motion.

THE SETTLEMENT HEARING

- Before the settlement can become final, it must be approved by the Court. Any affected person or organization may comment for or against the proposed settlement.
- In order to give class members an opportunity to express their comments in support or objection to the settlement, a hearing will be held before the Hon. Charles S. Haight, Jr., at the courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007 on **April 15, 2016 at 3:00 a.m.**
- If you wish to comment for or against the settlement, you must register to comment by sending an email with your name and address to handschuSettlement@nycju.org or by sending a letter with your name and address to Handschu Settlement, Clerk's Office, U.S. District Court, 500 Pearl Street, NY, NY 10007. All emails and letters must be sent or postmarked on or before **April 5, 2016**. You may include the substance of your comment or objection in the email or the letter, but you are not required to do so. **Objections or comments will not be considered by the court unless you have given notice by email or by US Mail that you want to comment or object.** You may present your comments yourself or you may have an attorney present them for you. You are invited to attend the hearing whether or not you have given notice that you want to comment on the settlement.
- This settlement, if approved by the Court, will be a full and final adjudication of the issues raised on behalf of the plaintiff class in the Handschu Motion and of any and all claims of violation of the Modified Handschu Guidelines that were known to plaintiff class counsel on January 7, 2016.

Dated: New York, N.Y.
February 10, 2016

/s/ Charles S. Haight, Jr.
Hon. Charles S. Haight, Jr.
Senior United States District Judge

² The complaint in *Raza* alleged that Defendants have violated, and continue to violate the First and Fourteenth Amendment rights of the *Raza* plaintiffs in that the NYPD's Intelligence Bureau has a policy or practice of investigating individuals and conducting surveillance unlawfully on the basis of religion. Defendants have denied the allegations in the *Raza* complaint.

³ The civilian representative is appointed for a five-year term and continues thereafter unless the position is abolished or modified by the Mayor. If the Mayor chooses to abolish this position, Class Counsel must be given 90 days advance notice. The plaintiff class will thus have an opportunity to mobilize popular opposition to the elimination of the civilian representative, if it should ever be proposed.

Eva Amurri doesn't have to worry about the nanny

Eva Amurri, actress and daughter of Susan Sarandon, wants everyone to know how awesome and trustworthy her husband is. Like, such a good guy. She took to her blog — yes, she has a blog, and it's called Happily Eva After — to divulge the details of what she calls "Nannygate 2.0." But unlike other celebrity menfolk, her hubby, Kyle Martino, found the power to resist the siren call of the woman hired to watch the little ones. "This is even more nuts than you can imagine," she warns, launching into a tale about the replacement nanny they hired after she had to fire their first one. Amurri recounts that on her way back from a quick business trip to New York, Martino let her know some shocking news. "Don't panic," he told me. "But I had to fire the nanny this morning."



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The nanny, as it turns out, had "mistakenly" sent him a text addressed to a girlfriend about how much she wanted to sleep with him. "Too bad he seems not to like thick Latin women with lots to hold on to LOL," the nanny allegedly wrote. So he fired her. Seems reasonable.

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J.Lo hates Ben Affleck's new back tat

While Jennifer Garner has opted for the polite Southern-style put-down — "bless his heart" — in response to Ben Affleck's massive back tattoo of a phoenix, another of Affleck's exes isn't bothering with such niceties. When quizzed by "Watch What Happens Live" host Andy Cohen about her thoughts on the matter, Jennifer Lopez does not hold back. "It's awful! And I would tell him that," she insists. "What are you doing?" And it turns out

her complaints aren't just relegated to his latest, most eyebrow-raising piece of dermatological illustration. No, she's got opinions — shady opinions — about his entire, ahem, body of work. "It has too many colors," she says. "His tattoos always have too many colors. They shouldn't be so colorful, you know what I mean? They should be cooler." Come on, Ben. Be cooler.



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Justin Bieber buys a farm? Not so fast.

Justin Bieber is now a proud, all-grown-up 22-year-old, and if you believe things written on the McKenzie Post — which you shouldn't — he's ready to slow down a bit, move out to the country. In my favorite totally fake story of the week, the site made up an Us Weekly report



about Bieber packing up his L.A. mansion and moving up to remote Sandy, Oregon. "I want a farm, I want cows, I want chickens!" Justin supposedly told Us Weekly with an excited laugh — which should have been your first clue that this is bogus. Bieber only ever offers forced, desperate laughs that hint at the existential turmoil gur-

gling beneath his vacant pop-star surface. "I'm not giving up my career, I just want to move to a place that feels so different than what I've been used the last several years of my life," they want you to believe he continued. "For me, that place is Sandy, Oregon." But hey, good news for residents of Sandy: He's not actually moving there.



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"I hope that life without a chaperone is what you thought it'd be, I hope your brother's El Camino runs forever"



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Chiwetel Ejiofor learns how to shoot a gun



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The Oscar-nominee talks about exploring humanity at its worst in "Triple 9."



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Chiwetel Ejiofor has played villains before, including in "Four Brothers" and Joss Whedon's "Firefly" spinoff "Serenity." But he's never gone full-on tough guy before. In "Triple 9," he plays an ex-mercenary who's returned home and joined a gang of thieves forced to do bank heists at the behest of a Russian mafia head (played by Kate Winslet). The Oscar-nominated English actor, 38, had to get into a very bleak headspace — as well as learn how to shoot a big gun.

It seems every actor had an interesting research period. The ones playing cops went on wild ride alongs. What was your prep?

Just shooting a lot of guns with Navy SEALs. I've done some gunplay in films, but not like this. I didn't grow up with guns, so I had to be like, "OK, this is what happens." They took me through it over several months and just did tactical training and shooting and getting to know these guys and their



In "Triple 9," Chiwetel Ejiofor plays a mercenary-turned-thief in too deep with the Russian mafia, whose members include Gal Gadot, right. BOB MAHONEY, OPEN ROAD FILMS

experiences and building a backstory for [my character] Michael. I just wondered what that looks like in the real world — somebody who is more at home robbing a bank than talking to the wife or their children. It's a fascinating jump-off point for a person. What are the experiences that led somebody down this road, this moral gray area?

Were you surprised while talking to the SEALs?

Any kind of normalized conversation that discusses how you kill people is weird. If you're not from that

background, if you're not from that kind of world, it's constantly surprising because [to them] it's normal. You do start to feel that you have some insight into what the fog of war looks like. Then you wonder exactly that: What do you do with that skill set when you return back to the world, back to the States? Everything is sort of normal. Then you start to understand why these characters might exist — like why, if you're [my character] working with Blackwater or whatever, doing jobs for the Russian mafia might be appealing.

We don't like to talk to soldiers about their experiences and how it changed them, just like we don't like to talk to people who've done something horrible. We'd rather forget they exist.

I just rewatched that YouTube clip of those guys running over the Iraqi woman. What does that feel like? Not just the guy who committed the crime, but everybody else in there. All of them crossed the line that day. They don't get that back, morally, and you wonder what that feels like. What's the extent of that 10 years later — what your mor-

al, ethical concepts are and how do those things change once you engage in stuff like that?

This is arguably the toughest character you've played. The character you play in "Serenity" is more evil, but he's almost gentle, rational about it, which makes him scarier.

The Operative was an extraordinary character to play just because of exactly that reason. I haven't seen in cinema a character that so clearly justifies the murder of children. There was no limit to that character. He was going to go all the way.



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Adrien Brody doesn't want cookie-cutter roles



The Oscar-winner talks about his Australian horror film "Backtrack" and moving into painting.



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Adrien Brody is a painter now, too. Last fall the Oscar-winning actor, now 42, unveiled "Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Handguns," a series that played at a show in Miami. It featured such images as a French fries container filled with cigarettes and teddy bears doing a gang shooting.

"It references how commonplace violent imagery is and how it's essentially on par with fast food," Brody tells us.

He's been painting a lot these days, but he's also doing a lot of smaller,

not bigger, films. The new Australian horror "Backtrack" is one of these, but it's not a standard chiller. In it, he plays a psychoanalyst being haunted by ghosts, who plague him because of a traumatic event in his past that he's deeply suppressed.

Brody's known for deep immersion in roles, and he says he spent much of the "Backtrack" shoot ignoring the beautiful summer Sydney weather to stay in his character's gloomy mindset.

"I commit when I embark on a role, especially if it requires a degree of sensitivity," he says. The more he commits, the less social with the cast and crew he becomes. "There are very few roles I've taken where I can allow myself to not be in a zone, so to speak. I'm honoring the responsibility I have. I tend to isolate a bit."

Still, few roles are like the one that scored



Adrien Brody, with Sam Neill, plays a psychoanalyst plagued by ghosts in "Backtrack," now in theaters. SABAN FILMS, LIONSGATE

him the Academy Award in 2002. "Nothing can compete with 'The Pianist,'" he says. "That's a level that required a total immersion."

Since then, he hasn't been chasing that exact type of role, but has sought ones that are similar. "I'm drawn to challenge," he says. "I'm drawn to characters with complexity. I relate to characters that are the underdog, who are striving to overcome obstacles. Because much of life is about that. I want less cookie-cutter roles, I guess. And that's a challenge."

Brody hasn't had the grand successes that follow many Oscar winners. Part of that is being picky and avoiding typecasting.

"Actors are blessed to live so many different lives," he says. "It's tempting to fall back on a character that's similar [to others], or to do something you've already proven yourself in. The greater challenge is to accept something outside your comfort zone and do things that are unpredictable — not only for yourself but for the audience. That's the most interesting career you can have."

Fighting Jackie Chan

Brody's movies these days aren't always tiny. The last giant film he did wasn't American but the \$65 million Chinese action movie "Dragon Blade," in which he played a hammy villain opposite Jackie Chan. That means he got to beat up Jackie Chan.

"It was a mutual beat-down," he admits. "He allowed me to beat him up, then he beat me up."

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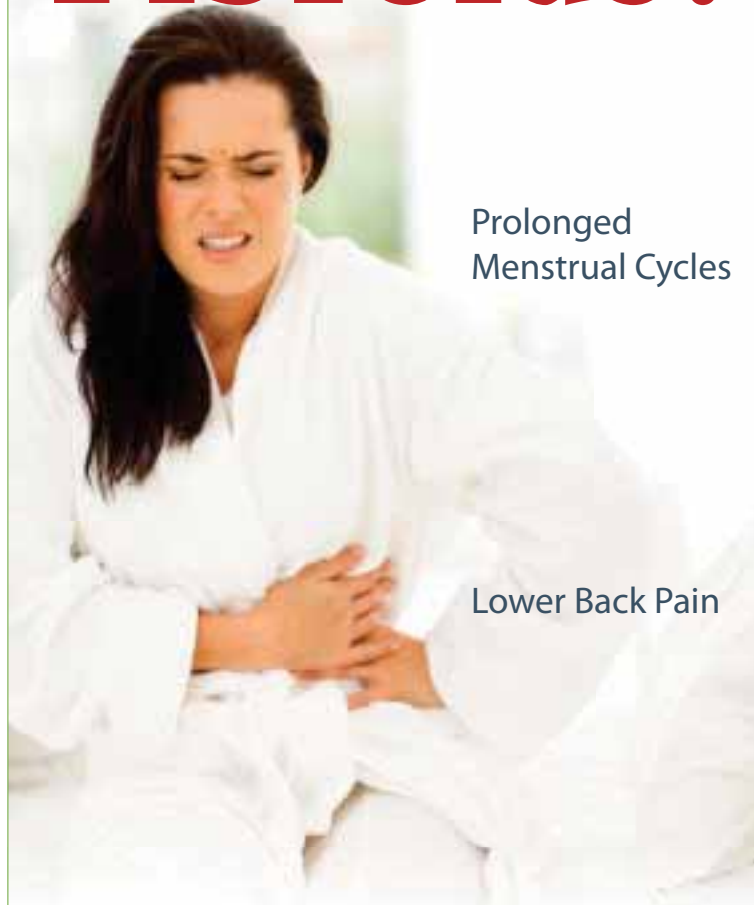
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Miike Snow and their 'third i'

The electronic supergroup is back with a third studio album and a new tour.



Miike Snow's Pontus Winnberg is attempting to park his car in Stockholm when we grab him for a pre-tour interview. The superproducer/composer is one third of the synth pop supergroup who has their third studio album (cheekily titled "iii") dropping March 4 from Atlantic Records.

Winnberg and his bandmates — Christian Karlsson (the Bloodshy to Winnberg's Avant) and Andrew Wyatt — will tour cities and the festival circuit (hitting both Boston Calling and

Governor's Ball) through the summer. But for now, Winnberg is parking and enjoying his last day in Sweden before the band reconvenes in Los Angeles to reverse for their live shows.

What's it like rehearsing for a live electronic show?

It's just a lot of prep work. [The shows] require a lot of work beforehand where you need to invent ways of doing things and workshop them in a traditional rehearsal space. But even once you've sort of figured everything out so they don't fail, they usually fail miserably the first few dates. It can go really well, but also really bad.

The three of you are in different areas of the world — Karlsson is also in Sweden and Wyatt is in New York.

Plus, you all have your hands in a million side projects. How did you find time to collaborate for a new album?

I used to be half and half between here and L.A., but now my oldest daughter is in a good school and I want to stay close [to Sweden]. When we get together, it's two key things. We're fast, and then sometimes there will be just two of us working in combination, and we just trust each other. We know someone can just grab [a song] and run with it and you don't feel the need to double check the details. There's a collective trust that makes it possible. Without those components, it would be like 15 years between albums.

You're all also super-accomplished. Do you



Cruz on 'Zoolander 2' and motherhood

Penelope Cruz doesn't do much comedy, but the Oscar-winning actress acquits herself nicely in "Zoolander 2," playing Valentina, an officer in Interpol's fashion police division. Cruz says comedy works for someone who loves to laugh.

How did this role start?
I received the proposal when I was in South

Africa buying diapers. I shouted with excitement because I belong to that group of fans who have seen "Zoolander" more than 10 times.

What do you do in your spare time?
Being a mother is a full-time job that I love, but you would be surprised that I have other skills. I'm a closet hairdresser;

haircutting relaxes me.

What do you enjoy most about life?
Laughing, laughing and laughing. Being with family, friends and good conversation. I do not drink alcohol, but I love food. I love to laugh until tears come out. Usually people see me in dramas, but I really enjoy comedy.

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ever feel like there are any ego-driven or alpha moments when working on your sound?

We see each other on an even level, and that's the trick. Maybe some people see us as super divas, but we're old enough to know that music is supposed to be a fun thing. We're not saving the world or finding a cure for AIDS. We're playing music for people.

You had a hand in a lot of pivotal moments for a lot of female pop stars — like Kylie Minogue ("X") and Britney Spears ("Toxic," "Piece of Me") — but do you think the way the music industry

produces and perceives music by women has changed since then?

There are so many things that have changed. The perception of being an artist and gender have changed. It feel like, back in the day, there was more of a "product" vibe, but now it's a portal for female pop stars to be strong and have opinions about their music and the industry. I think it's moved so far in a really good direction. It's way more smart.

And you have Charli XCX on "iii."

She dares to have an opinion about things. Some artists, back in the day, couldn't talk back about things. Now it's rather the opposite.

So when you name your album "iii," are you saying "triple I's" or "three" or what?

It's kind of not decided that it's three, it's more whatever you can make out of those three letters. People can get creative and we want them to be. Maybe it's "the third i." Maybe we'll give some hints at our live show.

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After three records, Ra Ra Riot hit a fork in the road. The group's last effort, "Beta Love," embraced electronic dance music for the first time — and emotionally drained the group best known for violin-laced melodic chamber pop. Rather than burning out, vocalist Wes Miles and his band realized that they had to make some changes.

"We wanted to reconnect with all of the things that we felt when we were first starting,

when we were a house party band," explains Miles. In order to channel this youthful vibe to make the indie rockers' new record "Need Your Light," (released in February from Barsuk Records) the five-piece had a solution: simply play some house shows.

"Before we even went into the studio, we did a little house party tour in fall 2014 and we connected with the same people that were at our first shows," continues Miles. "We brought that energy into the studio this time more than ever."

The result? A 10-song album that ties infectious, stadium-ready dance pop songs with

quirky rock cuts. On one side of the spectrum, encore-ready electro jams like "Absolutely" and "Every Time I'm Ready to Hug" taunt the listener to jump for joy. On the other side, the title track and "Water" — with production help from former Vampire Weekend guitarist Rostam Batmanglij — dive into the group's expansive, string-laden rock roots.

While '80s synth vibes are most noticeable on the record, Miles also noted influences from Kate Bush, Brian Eno, Soul II Soul and Janet Jackson. As well as one particular record: U2's adventurous 1991 LP "Achtung Baby."



The five-piece band released "Need Your Light" from Barsuk Records on Feb. 19. *SHERVIN LAINEZ*

"That's one thing that Rostam and I bonded over a lot and within the band, too," says Miles. "It's one of our favorite records."

Glam rocker "Bouncy Castle," about a kid associating sexual desires with lust for the first time, is most representative of Ra Ra Riot's newfound lighthearted side. "I never would've written [it] when we first

started because it's just so silly," explains Miles. "To get in touch with the more energetic and raucous side, we had to let some of those silly things stand."

Embracing this silliness may be the key to a long future for the group that formed a decade ago in college at Syracuse University. "It's encouraging for the future that we can find ways

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to take the pressure off but still be excited about working together," says Miles.

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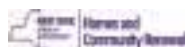
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Bring the outdoors in

How to incorporate nature into your abode ASAP.



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While it's not warm enough to open the windows and smell the daffodils just yet, that doesn't mean you can't fake spring's arrival. We checked in with Jennifer Corredor, founder of J Design Group, for some tips on inviting the outdoors in. "It's always important to integrate natural elements into the interior of our homes," says the expert. "It unites our spirit and gives a sense of well-being."

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Think beyond the blossoms

It's still much too early to clip blooms from your garden, true. But

budding branches and leaves can make for a chic, unexpected arrangement. Even if you're going the florist route, Corredor recommends skipping the tulips and incorporating statement foliage into the arrangement. "Large heliconia leaves, for example, can be used as a base in the middle of the dining table," she says. "Then, lay a large heliconia blossom with its vibrant orange hues on top. This makes a gorgeous display."

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Branches and leaves make for a chic arrangement, says interior designer Jennifer Corredor. PROVIDED

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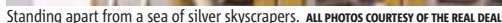
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Revealed: 45 Broad St. condo tower

per square foot, according to the materials. The average apartment is slated to cost less than \$2 million.

By contrast, the average listing price for units at Financial District building 50 West St., developed by Time Equities, is closer to \$4 million.

Neither Madison nor Pizzarotti made themselves available for comment on the plans. AMS Acquisitions, another partner in the project, declined to comment.

CetraRuddy is reportedly designing the project, which is expected to be completed in 2018. The tower is slated to have between 65 and 75 floors containing between 200 and 250 units, including a mix of studios, one-, two- and three-bedroom homes, as well as 20,000 square feet of amenity space and approximately 50,000 square feet of commercial space.

Amenities are expected to include a 60-foot indoor lap pool, a gym, a garden level in the tower's midsection with outdoor and indoor space, a game room, and media and entertainment areas.

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The average apartment will cost less than \$2 million.

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Madison Equities and the Pizzarotti Group's 1,000-foot condo tower at 45 Broad St. will be a soaring golden colossus with a slim midsection and a hulking top, according to new renderings obtained by The Real Deal.

That's according to marketing materials, including early renderings, circulated among prospective Chinese investors, who may contribute money for the tower through the EB-5 visa program. Madison is currently aiming to raise approximately \$75 million through the program to finance the project, sources said.

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SPORTS WORLD IN AN UGLY STRETCH

OPINION

MATT BURKE

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There's been a lot of ugliness in the sports world in the past month.

Peyton Manning's alleged assault of a Tennessee trainer was brought to light in mid-February. Tuesday morning we had the disgusting court story that Marriott hotels believes it doesn't bare responsibility for that creep who videotaped sportscaster Erin Andrews nude through one of their hotel peepholes, from another room, because Andrews' career took off after the incident. Basically, Marriott argued that the incident actually helped Andrews get endorsements, so it all worked out for her in the end. Gross.

And Tuesday afternoon we had to endure

more Aroldis Chapman girlfriend abuse chatter. The Yankees closer was suspended 30 games by MLB for inappropriate conduct.

For those who may have forgotten, Chapman is alleged to have choked Christina Barnea. Reports said he also pushed his girlfriend up against a wall before firing eight gunshots inside of his garage.

Thirty games is about the amount of time people expected for Chapman's punishment. But being a pitcher, it's really only really seven or eight games.

This story will be forgotten about by tomorrow. Just like the Manning story has already faded away.

Here's hoping the rest of the month of March features less of this garbage.

Rumor mill never quits

As has become habitual

with the Knicks each year, a new NBA rumor cycle starts up minutes after the annual trade deadline. These games at MSG in the next month and a half are mostly meaningless, so the attention is again focused on whether or not Phil Jackson should build around Carmelo. We now are led to believe that the thought of trading the Knicks' superstar has at least crossed Jackson's mind. The Celtics were interested in obtaining Carmelo at the trade deadline and Jackson hasn't exactly come out screaming, "No way! We'll never trade 'Melo!" in recent days.

Anthony will be 32 when next season begins. Even if everything were to magically fall into place in the next few years, when's the earliest the Knicks could legitimately contend for a championship? 2019? 2020? Carmelo would



New Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman, pictured here with the Reds, was suspended 30 games Tuesday by Major League Baseball. GETTY IMAGES

have played 16 NBA seasons by that time ... that's a lot of miles.

So maybe it's time for the Knicks to look at landing a younger superstar player? One obvious choice that comes to mind is Cleveland's Kyrie Irving. Irving was raised in West Orange, New Jersey, is only 23 and this week there were rumblings that

he was unhappy being LeBron James' sidekick in Cleveland. A report by the New York Daily News a few weeks back had the Knicks, Cavs and Celtics discussing a three-way trade that involved Carmelo heading to the Cavs to join forces with his buddy LeBron, Kevin Love being shipped to the Celtics, and the Knicks obtain-

ing a boatload of draft picks and young players from Boston. Maybe the Knicks should just cut out the middle man (Celtics) and go right for the best young player on any of the three teams in Irving. An Irving-Porzingis combo in New York would guarantee the Knicks years and years of playoff appearances.

NBA power rankings | by James Toscano

No. 1



Warriors (53-5)

Stephen Curry has put up video game numbers for a while now, but this weekend he hit actual video game shots. That half-court game-winning buzzer-beater is not luck. He works on those. He's got to be the unanimous MVP, right?

No. 2

Spurs (40-9)

Last week's three double-digit wins in which the opponents were held to 92 points, 78 points, and 94 points, is much more Spurs-like than the week before (2-1, allowed 105-plus points each game). Western Conference Finals are going to be something wild.

No. 3

Raptors (39-19)

Love this Raptors team. Down nine to the Cavaliers in the fourth quarter, they climb back on Kyle Lowry's career-night and come up with a huge win at home. That win gives Toronto a 2-1 season series advantage against the defending Eastern Conference champs, which could be important at the end of the season.

No. 4

Cavaliers (42-17)

The Cavs are still holding the top spot in the East, but you just get the feeling things aren't right behind the scenes. Whispers of Kyrie Irving being unhappy, constant questions on how they can fit Kevin Love in, etc. Cause for concern in Cleveland?

No. 5

Thunder (42-18)

On Monday against the Kings, Russell Westbrook had his 20th triple-double over the last two seasons. It's crazy that Westbrook would probably be taken before Durant now. That wasn't supposed to happen, was it? He's averaging a double-double (24.3 points, 10.3 assists) on the season.

No. 6

Celtics (36-25)

The C's went 3-0 over the last week, coming out on top in three very hard-fought games. The win over Utah is perhaps most impressive, as Boston fought for a full 48 minutes, took a late lead on Jae Crowder's 3-pointer, and sealed it with an Avery Bradley block.

No. 7

Clippers (39-20)

The Clippers introduced a new mascot on Monday, Chuck the Condor. I don't get it. But it was good that Blake Griffin didn't punch him out. Progress! Doc Rivers recently said Griffin is "not close" to returning, though he's shooting. LA hosts the Thunder on Wednesday night in a premier West Coast battle.

No. 8

Blazers (32-28)

What a month for Damian Lillard — historically good, actually. His 29.82 points per game average is the third-highest scoring month in Blazers history. The best thing that could have happened to him was being snubbed for the All-Star team.

No. 9

Hawks (33-27)

Two straight wins going into Tuesday night in Golden State (gulp) against the red-hot Warriors. Kris Humphries is a really nice addition to the team in what should be a tight East playoff race. Hump can still rebound and has developed an outside shot. He can certainly help them win.

No. 10

Pacers (31-29)

Uh oh. Three straight losses by the Pacers and just like that they're on the brink of being on the outside looking in. With three games coming up this week against the Bucks, Bobcats and Wizards — all on the road — this is a big stretch for them.

No. 11

Mavericks (32-28)

The Mavericks have won two games in a row and David Lee has played a key role in each of those games. Perhaps that addition is more important for them than we thought. Then again, the Nuggets and T-Wolves aren't exactly the best competition to make that assessment against.

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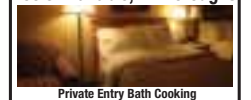
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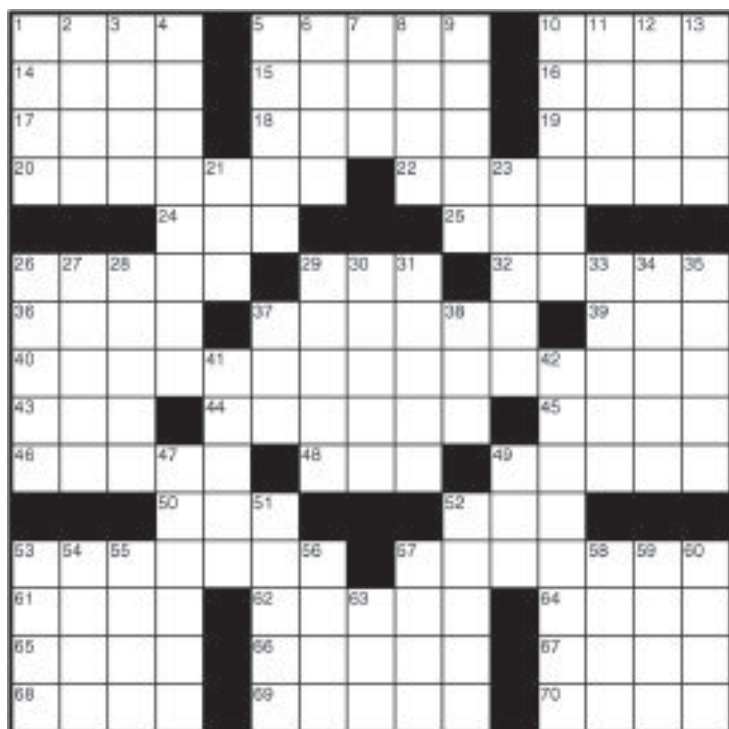
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- 18 Country estate
- 19 "Unfaithful" lead
- 20 Geishas' attire
- 22 Foams
- 24 King of Spain
- 25 Bunkhouse item
- 26 Gray rock
- 29 Vegas lead-in
- 32 Errors like thiss
- 36 Aloha State port
- 37 Germanic goddess of spring
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- 40 It's open at night (2 wds.)
- 43 — room (den)
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Scorpio Don't let anyone limit what you can do. Look for an alternative solution to a situation faced by someone depending on you. If you do so, you will receive a favor.



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